

ABSTRACT

To achieve the foregoing, and in accordance with the purpose of the present invention, a system or network is disclosed which provides for communication between two or more applications. The communication is achieved by initiating communication between a first and second application. The communication is directed from the first application to a second virtual address of the second application. An actual address associated with the second application is determined. A first data channel is established between a first computer associated with the first application and a second computer associated with the second application over a control channel, to coordinate the communication over the first data channel. The communication is then directed to the actual address associated with the second application over the data channel. Further, the first data channel is taken down and a second data channel is established to maintain communication without the knowledge of the first and second applications.